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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Roche Diagnostics Operations, Inc.Application No./Patent No./Control No.: 10/737,026 Filed/Issue Date: December 16, 2003Entitled: FLEXIBLE TEST STRIP LANCE DeviceRoche Diagnostics Operations, Inc., a Corporation

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